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NOTICE

TO:

All Interested Citizens

FROM:

Senator Glenn F. McConnell, President Pro Tempore of the

South Carolina Senate

DATE:

June 26, 2003

RE:

Preclearance Submission of S. 591 (Act. No. 97)

In 2002, a court order in <u>Colleton County v. McConnell</u> redrew the 46 South Carolina Senate districts. Subsequent to the court's order, S. 591, which revised the court-drawn districts, was passed and signed by the Governor on June 2, 2003. In compliance with federal statutes and regulations governing redistricting, these 46 Senate districts must be precleared by the U.S. Department of Justice prior to the 2004 general election. A submission has been made to the U.S. Department of Justice in compliance with these statutes and regulations.

A complete duplicate copy of the Senate's submission is available for public inspection at the offices of the South Carolina Senate Judiciary Committee, State House Complex, 101 Gressette Bldg., Columbia, South Carolina 29202, and on the S.C. General Assembly's website at: www.scstatehouse.net/redist/senate/senred.htm. You are invited to review of the submission and send any comments you have about it for the U.S. Attorney General's consideration to the following address:

Mr. Joseph Rich Chief, Voting Section Civil Rights Division Department of Justice 320 First Street, NW, Room 818A Washington, DC 20001 If you have any questions about the submission, please contact Michael N. Couick, Director of Research and Attorney for the Senate Judiciary Committee, at (803) 212-6623.

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